

# CBRN Newsletter



## Canadian Breastfeeding Research Network (CBRN)

A group of researchers in Canada have been working to form a national research network focused on breastfeeding protection, promotion, and support. The main goal of this initiative is to increase research capacity and advocacy in Canada related to breastfeeding by enabling researchers to connect and showcase their work. This was made possible with funding received from SSHRC and was led by Dr. Jennifer Abbass-Dick and an advisory committee consisting of Dr. Suzanne Campbell, Dr. Sonia Semenic, Dr. Laurie Twells, and Dr. Cindy-Lee Dennis.



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## Environmental Scan

An environmental scan of university profiles was conducted to identify researchers with programs of research focused on breastfeeding protection, promotion, and support. 41 people were initially identified and sent a survey to determine their interests in joining the CBRN. An additional 18 names were provided by those identified and were sent the same survey.

### Researchers

30 researchers from across the country indicated interest in participating. Researchers spanned 10 provinces and 16 universities.

### Website

A [website](#) was created to act as an online repository to link researchers. The key areas of research focus were used to identify main themes of breastfeeding research across Canada.

### Networking

Networking opportunities have been created which include a discussion board to showcase individual researcher's work and quarterly online meetings. Join us at the first [meeting on Feb. 3rd, 2023!](#)

### Next Steps

Further development of this research network has been made possible by a CIHR planning and dissemination grant. Stay tuned for more information to come!